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In re Application of: :
: *Vincent J. MCGAHAY et al.* : Atty Docket: 0136/00344
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the Title, please insert --Cross reference to related application.

This is continuing application of pending U.S. Patent application Serial No.

09/231,618, filed January 14, 1999, and entitled "Method for Improving Adhesion to Copper.--

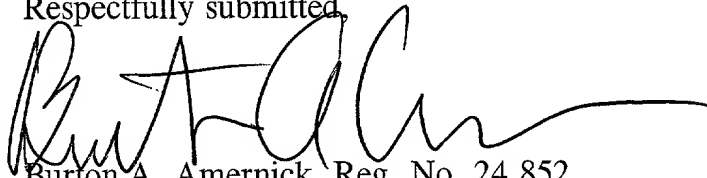
IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 1-14 and 31.

REMARKS

None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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